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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 5, 2006.

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2006, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, the Applicant submits the present amendment and response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111.

Claims 1-7, 9, 10 and 18-20 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, and 18 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 6 of this paper.